

# State Police Investigating Fatal Crash-Frankford



**Frankford**— The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred earlier today on northbound DuPont Boulevard (US 113) at the intersection of Daisey Street (SR 54).

The incident occurred at approximately 11:09 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018 as a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer operated by an 87-year-old male of Ocean View, DE was traveling westbound on Daisey Street approaching the intersection of northbound DuPont Boulevard, which is controlled by a posted stop sign. A 2015 Ford F-350 pulling a Load Trail trailer, operated by a 44-year-old male of Easton, MD was traveling northbound on DuPont Boulevard approaching the intersection at Daisey Street. A third vehicle, a 2012 GMC Sierra operated by a 55-year-old male of Willards, MD was also traveling northbound on DuPont Boulevard, directly behind the F-350. It is noted that

DuPont Boulevard is a throughway and traffic is not required to stop. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Trailblazer proceeded into the intersection directly into the path of the F-350. As a result, the front center of the F-350 struck the left side of the Trailblazer in the intersection. The impact sheared the left front door from the Trailblazer, which the GMC Sierra struck as it went northbound.

After impact, the Trailblazer was forced northbound, rotating in a clockwise direction and eventually exiting the roadway and coming to rest in a snow-bank on DuPont Boulevard. The F-350 and the trailer it was pulling were forced into the center median where the trailer became disconnected from the vehicle and came to rest a short distance south of the truck. The GMC Sierra was able to come to a controlled stop just north of the scene.

The 87-year-old operator of the Trailblazer was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Atlantic General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld at this time pending notification to next of kin.

A front passenger in the Trailblazer, an 80-year-old female of Millville, DE was also removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center where she was admitted with non-life threatening injuries.

All operators and passengers involved in this crash were properly restrained and impairment does not appear to be a factor. The intersection at northbound DuPont Boulevard and Daisey Street was closed for approximately 2.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

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*Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).*

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